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S.B. No. 1747

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the establishment of an infrastructure improvement council by the Rio Grande Regional Water Authority.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 1.01, Chapter 385, Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, is amended by adding Subdivision (4-b) to read as follows:

(4-b) "Council" means the council established under Section 1B.01 of this Act.

SECTION 2. Chapter 385, Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, is amended by adding Article IB to read as follows:

ARTICLE IB. INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Sec. 1B.01. INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL. (a) The board shall establish an infrastructure improvement council in connection with the implementation of infrastructure improvement projects within the authority's territory. The board shall appoint to the council only those members of the conference who pay to the council the annual voluntary assessment under Section 1B.02.

(b) The council shall provide financial assistance, as available, to implement infrastructure improvement projects under this article. To be eligible for financial assistance from the council, a project must be approved by a majority of the council members voting on that project.

1 Sec. 1B.02. INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT ASSESSMENT. The
2 board shall establish and determine the amount of an annual
3 voluntary assessment that may be paid to the council by members of
4 the conference. The money from the assessment may be used to
5 provide financial assistance for an infrastructure improvement
6 project under this article if the project is approved by a vote of
7 the council.

8 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.